

WISCONSIN WILDCARDS

NATIVE PESTS

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FOREST TENT CATERPILLAR

Malacosoma disstria

BASIC ID These 1 1/2"-2" blue caterpillars have a black stripe with white keyhole-shaped dots down their backs.

HABITS There is only one generation per year, and they are found in large groups, but do not make "tents." Caterpillars feed in May and June on aspen and other deciduous trees and can cause widespread defoliation.

MANAGEMENT

- Apply Bt (*bacillus thuringiensis*) in May
- Remove and destroy black-gray egg masses on tips of branches in fall and winter

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Green Bay 920-492-5872

Spooner 715-635-4156

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